

Monday, February 17, 2025.

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful wintery long weekend with your family. The snow- filled school yard will keep our students busy this week!

Our Winter Play Day was a huge success! We are very grateful for our parent volunteers who were kept busy serving hot chocolate, pizza and selling chips. Our grade six leaders did a fantastic job of running the stations and leading the homerooms through the various activities. Students also enjoyed exchanging valentines and our school-wide bingo on Friday afternoon.

Report Cards

Your child's report card (Grades 1-6) or Communication of Learning (Kindergarten) was made available in the Parent Portal on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

McDonald's Family Night

Don't forget the McDonald's Family Night Fundraiser tomorrow, **Tuesday, February 18th** at the March Road location! Please come out and enjoy dinner together with many families from our school community. It's a great chance to get to know others and meet some of your kids' friends as we raise money for our school. Twenty percent of all proceeds raised between 4pm-8pm tomorrow Tuesday, February 18th will go back to the school. Hope to see you there!

[McDonald's February 18, 2025.](#)

Attendance

Consistent daily attendance is crucial for student success. We ask that students arrive at school on time and remain until the end of the school day. Your cooperation in ensuring regular attendance is greatly appreciated, as we work together to support your child's thriving and success at school. [K-6: EVERY DAY MATTERS](#)

Let Grow - Play Club

As part of our Let Grow initiative, we are beginning a weekly "play club" at school on Fridays where all students in grades K-6 have the opportunity to play together for 30 minutes. This supervised time is unstructured free play, where we want children to learn to think for themselves, build relationships, negotiate social situations and have fun. Educators will supervise from a distance so as not to disrupt the natural experience of the children and will only intervene when necessary. The rules for students during play club are as follows:

1. Play respectfully: Do not deliberately hit or physically hurt another child.
2. Get permission to leave the grounds if needed (bathroom, fountain, etc.).
3. Listen to the adults, who will intervene only when they must.

This short video provides information about the purpose and benefits of play club:

<https://vimeo.com/466594070>

Kindness Week and Pink Shirt Day

Kindness Week will take place from February 17-21 and Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday February 26. Staff and students will be participating in various activities throughout the week and each day has a theme.

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Kindness Week

 OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

#ocsbKindness

 <p>17 Monday</p> <p>Kind & Cozy Family Day</p> <p>Open Doors to Family Time</p>	 <p>18 Tuesday</p> <p>We All Belong</p> <p>Open doors to school spirit - wear your school colours</p>	 <p>19 Wednesday</p> <p>Rainbow Day</p> <p>Open doors to everyone - speak out against bullying</p>	 <p>20 Thursday</p> <p>Sprinkle Kindness Like Confetti</p> <p>Open doors to positivity & share kind messages</p>	 <p>21 Friday</p> <p>Crazy Socks Day</p> <p>Open doors to uniqueness & Dare to be Different</p>
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Parking Lot

Several reserved parking spaces are located at the front of the school. Please refrain from parking in these spaces at any time. Often, our special transportation vehicles cannot access their designated areas when these spots are occupied. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Chip Sale

We will have two more Fridays of chip sales before the March Break. School Council will be selling chips again on **Friday, February 21st and 28th** during the lunch hour. All chips are \$1/bag. Thanks for supporting School Council as we work together to provide funding for items such as outdoor sleds, shovels, Field Trips, and pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We appreciate your support!

Pizza Day Date Changes

Pizza Days will be this Wednesday, February 19th and next Wednesday, February 26th in order to accommodate the grade 5 and 6 ski days.

February Election

The school gym will serve as a polling station for the upcoming provincial election on Thursday, February 27, 2025. Voters will be present in the school throughout the day. Volunteers will be

on-site to ensure voters proceed directly to the polling area and do not wander through the school.

Grade 6 Parents

Please save the date for a Grade 6 Parent Night hosted in the All Saints High School gym and atrium on Thursday, February 27, 2025. See the details below:



I wish you all a fantastic week.

Best regards,

Vanessa Sloan